

SCHMIDT IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Slayer of Anna Ammiller to Be Sentenced Wednesday. Laughs at Jury's Verdict.

New York, Feb. 5.—Hans Schmidt was found guilty today of murder in the first degree for killing Anna Ammiller, a young woman whom he had married through a self-performed ceremony while acting as a priest at St. Joseph's church. The penalty is death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. Schmidt will be sentenced Wednesday.

Schmidt, whose defence was insanity, laughed bitterly when the verdict was pronounced. He steadfastly had declared himself guilty and had pleaded that he be punished by death. Later he protested against the insanity defence advanced by his counsel, and tonight said he would not assist them in any way if they prepared an appeal.

"I would rather die tonight than tomorrow," he said. "It is as it should be and as I wish it."

This was the second trial and the jury was out a few minutes less than five hours. At the first trial the jury disagreed. Alibis supplied most of the testimony at both trials. Schmidt's counsel late today hoped that if he was not acquitted on the grounds of mental unsoundness, the degree of guilt fixed by the jury would be second degree murder. The jurors, sending out for instructions shortly after retiring, were informed by Justice Vernon M. Davis that they could, if they wished, pronounce a verdict less severe than death.

A. G. Koebler, asserted that, owing to the former priest's persistent silence concerning the crime, it had not been possible to place all facts before the jury. He said Schmidt was not guilty of murder, but had shielded a physician after the woman's death. She was not murdered, the lawyer declared. If the police would display energy, he said, they could get the truth. The lawyer was undecided whether he would take an appeal.

"Father Schmidt will never go to the electric chair," he declared.

Anna Ammiller's body was cut up with a knife in Schmidt's flat September 2, and the pieces, in several bundles, were dropped into the Hudson river, where most of them were found before suspicion was directed against Schmidt. Schmidt in his confession said he was commanded by his patron, Saint Elizabeth, to make a "sacrifice" of the Ammiller girl's life.

Dr. Ernest A. Muret, a dentist, Schmidt's friend and companion, who was arrested shortly after the ex-priest was accused of murder, in October, was sentenced to seven years in prison after his conviction for counterfeiting.

Schmidt declared at Muret's trial that it was he, and not Muret, who planned the counterfeiting operations.



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MARITAL TROUBLE BRINGS ON SUICIDE

Structural Iron Worker Jumps from Roof of his Home After Writing of his Troubles.

Cincinnati, Feb. 7.—After attempting to murder his wife with a hatchet, John W. Jones, 43, a structural iron-worker, committed suicide yesterday by jumping from the roof of his home at 1213 Jackson street. The building is three and a half stories high. Jones' head struck the pavement when he fell and he was instantly killed. His wife was hurried to the City Hospital, and physicians stated last night that she would probably recover, although she received a terrific blow on the head.

Domestic difficulties caused the encounter. Jones and his wife conducted a rooming house. They quarreled frequently, and two weeks ago Mrs. Jones filed suit for divorce, charging cruelty. Since the filing of the divorce papers Mrs. Jones had slept on the first floor and Jones occupied a small room in the attic. Neighbors heard them quarrelling and a few minutes later passers-by saw Jones' body hurtling through the air and dash on on the pavement of a side entrance to the building. Notes found on the body indicated plainly that he had committed suicide.

Written in January.

Both notes were dated January, 1914. One note was addressed Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Ripely, Ohio, R. F. D. 2, Route 16. It was as follows:

"Dear Mother: I am going to try and tell you my trouble, as I am about ready to do the terrible deed unless May will change her mind. She has destroyed my home and she will be the cause of my death in a very short time unless she will change, but life without her is not worth living for. I know I have not lived as I should, for we are one and should be that way to each other, but we both have acted contrary with each other and now she says it is too late for me to change.

"I have promised before God to live right the rest of my days if she will give me one more chance, that I will give her everything to make her happy. I am just where we could start and make a happy home. I have bought her a few things to try and win her back, but she seems still farther away and more determined to throw me down. God knows I love her. Look what I have went through to get her and then to lose her is more than I can bear. Whatever happens, do not put all the blame on me. I acknowledge my past, all of trouble. I will close by saying, forgive me if it ever comes to pass. Good-bye to all.

"JOHN W. JONES."

The other note had no address. It was as follows:

"This is to let you know that I have troubles of my own, but you need not know; but if I go you will know I am still on the job. I still have a little hope things may come round all right. If not I will try and see if there is a better world beyond.

"JOHN W. JONES."

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.
State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

Palmetto Bank, of Laurens, S. C.,
Plaintiff,

against
R. A. Jones, Defendant.

To the defendant, R. A. Jones,
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscribers at their office, Laurens Court House, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Ferguson, Featherstone & Knight,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

To the absent defendant, R. A. Jones,
you will please take notice: That the original summons and complaint in the above stated case was filed in the Clerk of Court's office for Laurens County in the State aforesaid, on the 24th day of January, 1914.

Ferguson, Featherstone & Knight,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

LISBON LOCALS.

Lisbon, Feb. 9.—The farmers have been working good time in the way of preparing for the coming crop, and much plowing has been done outside of other work. We fear that one extreme will follow another, and after all we may expect to have some bad weather before spring opens. The fall grain is looking fairly well and we hope that everything may be favorable, that we may expect a good yield.

You can see that those who expect to be candidates for the county and state offices, are getting in touch with the dear people. What a county we would have if all the people were inclined that way.

We were pained to hear of the death of our friend, Mr. W. James Barksdale, of Laurens. To know James Barksdale was to like him. He was a gentleman of the highest type, and has many friends who are grieved at his deplorable death. We extend our many sympathies to his relatives.

Little Tom Martin is up again after another illness of several days, we are glad to state.

Mr. Clyde Teague is at home for a few days from Augusta Business college.

Mr. Evans Madden of Charleston, is spending a few days with homefolks. Miss Eliza May Sullivan and brother, of Mountville, are visiting Mrs. Milam.

Miss Marie Oliphant of Blacksburg, is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Ballew.

Mrs. R. T. Dunlap and the little girls are spending some time with Richard down on the farm, this week.

Mr. S. S. Farrow, of Mountville visited his life-long friend, J. T. A. Ballew, last Sunday; also Mr. E. F. Teague, of Spartanburg.

Miss Kate Holmes of the Julia Irby sanitarium, is spending a few days with homefolks.

Messrs J. M. and Harry Canteley, of Columbia will be up next week to visit J. T. A. Ballew, to hunt a few days.

Mr. Barton Cannon's oxen ran away with him one day last week, near Cross Hill, and cut his thumb off outside of injuring him otherwise.

Rev. Mr. McLin's subject yesterday "Love to God". All those who attended enjoyed it very much, as this good man always handles his subjects well and as his intercourses are very interesting and instructive.

Miss Alma Garrett of the high school of this place attended the teachers' meeting yesterday.

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ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1914.

The Auditor's office will be open from the 1st of January to the 20th of February, 1914 to make returns of all real estate and personal property for taxation.

All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years on the 1st of January except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed, or from other causes, are deemed polls. Confederate veterans excepted.

Also all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 on the 1st day of January, 1915, are liable to a road tax of \$1.50 and are required to make

their return of same to the Auditor during the time above specified and shall pay to the County Treasurer at the same time other taxes are paid in lieu of working the road.

All taxpayers are required to give Township and No. of School District; also state whether property is situated in town or country. Each lot, tract or parcel of land must be entered separately.

After the 20th of February 50 per cent penalty will be attached for failure to make returns.

J. W. THOMPSON,
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